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SUBJECT: GREEK INTEREST IN U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD PORTUGAL

1. FRONTPAGE LEAD HEADLINES IN FOUR ATHENS DAILIES
MAY 3 REPORTED U.S. "DEMARCHE" TO NEW JUNTA LEADER
SPINOLA. TYPICAL WQS ACROPOLIS' BANNER: "AMERICANS
TRY TO PUT BRAKE TO SPINOLA - A DEMARCHE OF PROTEST -
THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT ENTRY OF COMMUNISTS IN CABINET
AND FUTURE OF THEIR BASES." ALL REPORTS WERE BASED ON
"SPECIAL SERVICES" BULLETIN FROM LISBON. TWO PAPERS
REPORTED US AMBASSADOR AT HIS REQUEST PAID COURTESY CALL ON
SPINOLA FOR 15 MINUTES MAY 2. TA NEA (ANTI-GOG) CAPTIONED
ARTICLE "AMERICANS INTERVENE - THEY ARE FRIGHTENED BY
SPINOLA".

2. CURRENT GREEK PRESS ATTENTION ON U.S. RELATIONS
WITH NEW PORTUGUESE REGIME PRESAGED IN LESS DRAMATIC
BUT ALSO FRONTPAGE HEADLINES APRIL 30 IN WHICH
PAPERS REPORTED "US RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME."
STORIES ACCOMPANYING HEADLINE REPORTED STATE DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN AS POINTING OUT - OPPOSITELY - THAT QUESTION
OF RECOGNITION PER SE DID NOT ARISE SINCE US CONTINUING
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EXISTING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW PORTUGUESE

GOVERNMENT.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON
AMBASSADOR'S CALL AND DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE RE GREEK PRESS
COVERAGE AND POSSIBLE STATEMENT TO BE MADE HERE
CLARIFYING US POSITION ON EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AND
ANNOUNCED CHANGE TOWARD DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.
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